

**SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_**

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**DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION**

A SENATE RESOLUTION to to memorialize the life of the late Robert J. Fair, Indiana State Senator, 1967-1978, and President Pro Tempore of the Indiana State Senate, 1977-78.

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MR. PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION to to memorialize the life of the late Robert J. Fair, Indiana State Senator, 1967-1978, and President Pro Tempore of the Indiana State Senate, 1977-78.

Whereas, Robert J. Fair was an extraordinary gifted man; he was raised in the coal fields of southwestern Indiana, fought in the fields of Europe as a member of the U.S. Army in World War II, and was educated in Washington, D.C., where he graduated from George Washington University and its law school; and

Whereas, Senator Fair continued his public service after obtaining his GI bill education by serving his nation with distinction as an F.B.I. agent in Colorado and Illinois; and

Whereas, Senator Fair returned to his hometown of Princeton, established his law practice in the Gibson County seat, and continued his public service by serving as prosecuting attorney for two terms; and

Whereas, Senator Fair served three terms in the Indiana Senate, achieving various offices and honors, including: Outstanding Freshman Legislator (1967), Best Senate Speech (1971), Senate Democratic Leader (1971-76), and Senate President Pro-Tempore (1977-78); and

Whereas, Senator Fair was an unsuccessful candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 1976, although many of his supporters rallied to his agenda of "Fair Government" for Indiana; and

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Whereas, Senator Fair continued his public service after leaving the Indiana Senate with numerous positions: President, Indiana State Bar Association (1978), Chair, Indiana State Ethics Commission (1989), and Trustee and Chair, the University of Southern Indiana (1985-89); and

Whereas, Senator Fair was a true gentleman; his presence was quiet, dignified, and yet strong. Senator Fair's presence in the Senate Chamber cast a long shadow and his footsteps a path for others to follow. Civility, graciousness, and public service; was Senator Fair's recipe for a successful and happy life.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Senate memorialize the life of Senator Robert J. Fair, a true credit to the institution of the Indiana Senate and always an able public servant for the citizens of Indiana.

SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit copies of this Resolution to Susan Wilhite Fair, Senator Fair's daughter; Michael Louis Kaputak, Senator Fair's grandson; and Mary Richardson, Senator Fair's dear and trusted friend.

